The Regular Council Meeting of July 23, 2013 was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

MAYOR

Ron Reinhard

COUNCILMEMBERS

Don Nettle Jennifer Nottingham Mitch Thornton Lynn Tiner

Jeff Waldrop

OTHERS

Shannan Kinsley Chief Bejar

Chris Mikel Don Reddout Gigi Duke

Brenda Reinhard Susan Beavin

Madeline McCloskey

Murry Hughey Natalie Chandler Jeff English

A quorum was declared.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the May 23, 2013 Special Council Meeting were reviewed. The motion to accept the May 23, 2013 minutes as written was made by Councilmember Waldrop, seconded by Councilmember Thornton and passed unanimously.

The minutes of the May 28, 2013 Regular Council Meeting were reviewed. Councilperson Nottingham stated on page 2, under Fire Department Report, five lines down, the record should reflect "meet with TML to make sure all their equipment is classified correctly" striking "valuables are". Seven lines down, the record should reflect "Two people were at the Boston Marathon" striking "festival in Boston". Nine lines down, the record should reflect "for structural gear" striking "structure". The motion to accept the May 28, 2013 minutes as amended was made by Councilmember Nottingham, seconded by Councilmember Nettle and passed with 3 YES and 2 ABSTAINING by Councilmember Waldrop and Councilmember Thornton as they were not present at the meeting.

PRESENTATIONS BY CITIZENS AND VISITORS

Mayor Reinhard stated Presentations by Citizens and Visitors is a time to bring before City Council concerns and comments. City Council can ask for clarification but can't engage in discussion.

Mayor Reinhard stated a letter was received from citizen Mikael Henderson for "Citizens to be Heard". Mr. Henderson's letter stated a group of people gathered this past spring to plant native plants at the Madla Park. They ran out of water and since water is critical to the survival of new plants, were alarmed that some would not last through the night or the next day's heat. The Fire Department was contacted and they provided emergency water so the plants were able to survive until the local water supply could be repaired. Mr. Henderson wanted to express his appreciation to the Fire Department from the group that worked on that project and how impressive it is to see how well people in small towns pull together very quickly to get things done.

MAYOR ANNOUNCEMENTS/FINANCIAL REPORTS

Mayor Reinhard stated we are about 80 percent through the budget year. We've received most of our income for the year. The financial status is good and most items are in line with where they should be other than items previously mentioned. The retirement of Chief Rutledge has been paid out and reflects in the financials. Public Works is under budget on expenses due to not being fully staffed part of the year. Chris Mikel was hired as a part-time employee but has been working full-time hours. Effective with the upcoming payroll, Mr. Mikel will be reclassified as a full-time employee and will be eligible for benefits. He will start giving the Monthly Activity Reports for Public Works. Mayor Reinhard stated he is working on the 2014 budget. He has asked Councilmember Nettle to help him work on it and may ask one other Councilmember to assist as he's done in the past.

COUNCIL/STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilperson Nottingham stated WIAC has a new Small City Representative. The one they had for years passed away. The Madla Conservancy has sold two plaques for boulders. In addition, the Madla Board bought a third plaque as a gift of appreciation to Chief Rutledge. The plaques will be installed on the boulders tomorrow. The Madla Board continues to work on appropriate signage.

Mayor Reinhard stated they have asked TPW for an advance on the grant funds and extension to submit reimbursements. They have several items that still need to be completed. They provided TPW a budget of what they expect to complete and requested special funding consideration well within the remaining balance of the matching funds grant for the project. TPW is considering the request and they hope to hear back from them soon. Mayor Reinhard stated the park is up and running. They are very proud that they have not used any money out of the City General Fund to accomplish this.

POLICE DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY REPORT

Chief Bejar reviewed the May 2013 and June 2013 Monthly Activity Report.

PUBLIC WORKS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Reinhard stated the City has received many compliments on Public Works and how great the City looks. Chris Mikel provided a detailed report and reviewed the work completed during June 2013. Mr. Mikel stated he plans to meet with Laurie Hawkins and outline a plan to take care of the critical and hazardous trees. Mayor Reinhard stated during the budget process, he is looking at staffing for Public Works and met with Chris to see what he thinks they will need for the upcoming year.

GFU UTILITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jeff English reviewed the Weekly Water Levels as of July 19th. He stated they had a study done some time ago to make sure they are at the correct point for Stage 1 Restrictions. They are keeping a close eye on the water levels and if they get close to Stage 1 Restrictions, a letter will go out to all residents. Stage 1 Restrictions are voluntary and asks residents to be mindful of water usage. Mr. English stated the utility is under budget on expenses and earnings have exceeded budget. Their mapping system is fully operational at this point. Staff recently attended a worldwide conference and learned they are well ahead of the curve. They have been asked to be a part of an advanced research program to develop technology that will hopefully create a much less expensive home base fueling option for people who would be interested in using depressed natural gas for their vehicles. They don't want to be left out and have agreed to be a part of the research. They want to continue to stay ahead of the curve. Mr. English stated Vulcan has added a second plant in San Antonio which has practically doubled their sales. Vulcan has been an excellent customer and also generously donated the rock boulders to the Madla Natural Area.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Don Reddout stated there were two calls in May 2013; 1-flood assessment and 1-citizen complaint about power lines being down. There were five calls in June 2013; 3-EMS and 2-Fire which were basically a good intent call and public service assistance. Don Reddout stated he would like to point out that if you look at the June report for District 8, the fire calls out numbered the EMS calls. He stated to the best of his knowledge that is the first time they've seen that. Computers are now in all of the fire trucks. They have many amazing features such as location of fire hydrants, type of call, maps, GPS, etc.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. <u>CONSIDER AND ACT ON REAPPOINTMENT OF BOARDMEMBER, MR. CLAUDE YEAGER TO THE GFU BOARD OF TRUSTEES, POSITION NO. 2 EXPIRING ON 09/30/2013</u>

Mayor Reinhard stated open for appointment is Position No. 2 on the GFU Board of Trustees. It is considered a "citizen post" and they must reside within the City. Jeff English stated the position was posted at GFU Headquarters from the first week of April through June 7th. It was published in The Helotes Echo. Mr. Yeager was the only respondent to the advertisement. Mr. English stated Mr. Yeager has been a trustee for more than 25 years and has provided excellent service to the Board. Mr. Yeager is interested in continuing to serve and the Board of Trustees recommends his reappointment. The motion to reappoint Claude Yeager to Position No. 2 on the GFU Board of Trustees was made by Councilmember Nottingham, seconded by Councilmember Waldrop and passed unanimously.

2. <u>CONSIDER AND ACT ON APPOINTMENT TO THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT ON FOUR TERMS EXPIRING JULY 25, 2013</u>

Mayor Reinhard stated four terms on the Board of Adjustment expire on July 25th. He stated the Board of Adjustment handles variances that appeal the building codes when regulations can't be met. The four positions expiring are held by Phil Howard, George Parker, Sean Skaggs and Holly Thornton. With the exception of George Parker, the other three board members with expiring terms are interested in continuing to serve on the board. Mayor Reinhard stated he contacted citizens who were active in the community and he thought may be interested in serving on the board. He stated Sue Peavy was interested and willing to serve on the board. Mayor Reinhard stated he feels she would do a good job and recommends her appointment. Councilmember Nottingham stated typically we look at moving alternates up to a regular board member position if they are interested. She stated Sue Peavy would be a good addition to the board but would like to give Tom Crick the opportunity to move up if he is interested.

The motion to reappoint Phil Howard, Sean Skaggs and Holly Thornton to the Board of Adjustment for a two-year term was made by Councilmember Waldrop, seconded by Councilmember Nottingham and passed with <u>4 YES</u> and <u>1 ABSTAINING</u> by Councilmember Thornton as Holly Thornton is his wife.

Councilmember Nottingham made the motion to ask Tom Crick if he is interested in moving from an alternate to a regular board member position and if he is interested, move Tom Crick to a regular board member and Sue Peavy be appointed as an alternate board member; if Tom Crick is not interested, Sue Peavy be appointed as a regular board member and Tom Crick remain an alternate. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Waldrop and passed unanimously.

3. <u>CONSIDER AND ACT ON AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN LEASE AGREEMENT FOR A DIGITAL COPIER</u>

Mayor Reinhard stated the existing copier lease expires in January 2014. We've had an ongoing issue with the current leasing company charging the City taxes whereas we're tax-exempt. The company that provides the copier, Copy Products of San Antonio has been able to get the City out of the current lease contract and replace the copier with a machine that is newer, faster and better for the same price. In addition, it will be in writing that the City will not be charged property tax throughout the term of the new lease. The motion to authorize the Mayor to sign on behalf of the City a Lease Agreement for a Digital Copier was made by Councilmember Nottingham, seconded by Councilmember Thornton and passed unanimously.

4. CONSIDER AND ACT ON AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN AN INTERLOCAL PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT WITH THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT PURCHASING COOPERATIVE AND BOARD RESOLUTION ELECTING TO BE A COOPERATIVE MEMBER ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF GREY FOREST

Mayor Reinhard stated the Interlocal Participation Agreement with The Local Government Purchasing Cooperative allows the City to receive discounts on items purchased through their registered vendors. In addition, on large purchases you don't have to go out for bid if you use one of their vendors as they have already been through the competitive procurement process for you. The program is at no cost to the City. The City currently uses a few of their vendors and there may be others in the future that we might want to use. If you don't use the program, you are not penalized and there's no cost to the City. The motion to allow the Mayor to sign the Interlocal Participation Agreement and Resolution on behalf of the City was made by Councilmember Nottingham, seconded by Councilmember Tiner and passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

5. <u>DISCUSS AND ACT ON DRAFT OF NEW ANIMAL ORDINANCE AND RECOMMENDATIONS REGULATING ANIMALS</u>

Mayor Reinhard stated Council has had several workshops to the review the ordinance. There have been many good recommendations and changes. There are a still a few things they think are not quite right and would like to have a final workshop. Councilmember Nottingham stated she would like Chief Bejar to also review the ordinance and make sure it is enforceable on their end. It was Council's consensus to schedule the workshop for Monday, August 12th at 6:00 p.m. Councilmember Thornton stated he would get with Sean Skaggs prior to that date to look at the section on Vocational Agriculture Programs. Mayor Reinhard asked that City Council please take time over the next couple of weeks to review the ordinance.

There was no further discussion. Mayor Reinhard adjourned the Regular Council	Meeting at 7:40	p.m.
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These minutes were written/recorded by Ahaman Kin Sly

These minutes were approved as written/amended on the _____ 21 th day of August, 2013.

Ronald G. Reinhard, Mayor